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GOV. EASLEY DENIES CLEMENCY IN SYRIANI CASE

RALEIGH - Gov. Mike Easley today denied the clemency request filed by Elias Hanna Syriani, a convicted murderer scheduled for execution at 2 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2005.

Syriani is on death row for the stabbing death of his wife, Teresa Yousef Syriani, on July 28, 1990, in Charlotte, N.C. At the time of the murder, Syriani was separated from his wife and was ordered by the court not to have contact with her.

"After careful review of the facts and circumstances of this crime and conviction, I find no convincing reason to grant clemency and overturn the unanimous jury verdict affirmed by the state and federal courts," said Easley.

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